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Back in Custer's days, it was called 'heading them off at the pass.' Any way you slice it, it's an attempt by someone to end the game by throwing out the rules; to get the drop on the 'enemy' before they even have a chance to do anything.

It's what we've got here, right now in the form of Louisiana Congressman Billy Tauzin. He's a republican with who the NAB has in their pocket - His daughter works for them, too.

Because Tauzin happens to be the chairman of the Telecommunications Subcommittee for the powerful House Commerce Committee, the group of those distinguished gentlepeople who directly oversee the FCC. The NAB alerted him to the LPFM NPRM, and as of now he's on a warpath, spewing the party line. His moves could effectively kill the NPRM before the FCC can take another step with it. (Check the Latest Schnazz for all the details.)

Thanks to the Internet, the word is out. There are two ways to retaliate: Let your own Congressperson know what's going on, and have them express their support of the FCC and its LPFM work so far to ol' Billy. It wouldn't be a bad idea to contact Tauzin's committee members and Tauzin himself, too. Be diplomatic about it though - my mom always told me to 'kill them with kindness,' and it's the best weapon I've found so far in this kind of battle.

And before you do any of that, check out what 'Uncle' Don Schellhardt, co-founder of the Amherst Alliance, had to say about the whole 'congressional question' exactly two weeks ago. Ironically enough, it's about another kind of end-run the NAB might try. Get those fingers limbered up - the comment deadline on the LPFM NPRM is April 12, and writing those is

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